

Woods Hole, Mass.

August 26, 1947.

Dear Francis,

After a week's visit in Madison, I've decided to accept their offer of as post as Assistant Professor in the Department of Genetics. I'll tell you all about it as soon as possible when I see you, but it simply seemed to be too good a set-up to turn down, even at the expense of my M.L. There is a tremendous amount of interest in the other departments -bacteriology, biochemistry, botany and plant pathology, -in genetic research on microorganisms; furthermore, the genetics department itself is anxious to set up a completely equipped laboratory for my work, and appears to have funds adequate to the job. The biggest hitch is in the delivery of large equipment, which may mean a matter of a year before I can really get down to work in my own lab. Meanwhile, other facilities will be made do. I'm sorry that this means the end of our plans for working together at Columbia; maybe we can still work something out.

We'll be in New York in about two weeks and two or three days; you may receive some mail addressed to me c/o yourself- would you be kind enough to hold it for me? See you then.

Best regards,